

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

In re: )  
)  
Application for Exemption from the ) Misc. Proc. #20-216  
Electronic Public Access Fees )  
by Chad Brown )

**ORDER**

This matter is before the Court upon the request by Mr. Chad Brown for exemption from the fees imposed by the Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule (the “Fee Schedule”) adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States Courts.

The Court finds that Chad Brown is a researcher working with a team of professors at the University of Colorado at Boulder. The Court further finds that Mr. Brown is within the class of users listed in the *Electronic Public Access Fee Schedule* as being eligible for a discretionary fee exemption. Additionally, Mr. Brown has demonstrated that an exemption is necessary in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to information, and he has shown that the research project is intended for scholarly research, is limited in scope, and is not intended for commercial purposes.

**AND NOW**, this 16th day of *September, 2020*, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. Chad Brown shall be exempt from the payment of fees for access via PACER to the electronic case files maintained in this Court, solely to the extent that such use is incurred in the course of Mr. Brown’s research to examine the economic effects of forum shopping in corporate bankruptcy cases. Mr. Brown shall not be exempt from the payment of fees incurred in connection with other uses of the PACER system in this Court.

2. Additionally, the following limitations apply:

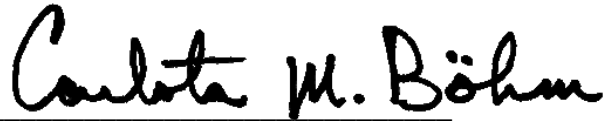
a. This fee exemption applies only to Mr. Chad Brown, PACER Account No. 6426667, and is valid only for the purposes stated above;

b. This fee exemption applies only to the electronic case files of this Court that are available through the PACER system;

c. Mr. Brown shall not sell, transfer, redistribute, or use for commercial purposes any data obtained as a result of receiving this exemption; and,

d. This exemption is valid until November 30, 2020, unless terminated earlier by the Court.

3. This exemption may be revoked at the discretion of the Court at any time.  
The Clerk shall send a copy of this Order to the PACER Service Center.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Carlota M. Böhm". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

CARLOTA M. BÖHM, CHIEF JUDGE  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

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